



Environment Committee

Meeting date: January 12, 2010

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of January 27, 2010

ADVISORY INFORMATION

Date:	December 22, 2009
Subject:	Authorization to Amend Council/City of Richfield Cooperation Agreement 09I004, 1-RF-491 Relief Interceptor Project 805450
District(s), Member(s):	District 5, Polly Bowles
Policy/Legal Reference:	Policy 3-3, Expenditures
Staff Prepared/Presented:	Bill Cook 651-602-1811; Bryce Pickart 651-602-1091
Division/Department:	MCES c/o William Moore 651-602-1162

Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize its Regional Administrator to amend Cooperation Agreement 09I004 with the City of Richfield to accommodate changes to services identified during the design phase of Project 805450 – 1-RF-491 Relief Interceptor. The net effect of this revision is increasing the City’s estimated reimbursement to the Council from \$350,000 to \$1,200,000.

Background

The Council and City entered into Cooperation Agreement 09I004 on February 24, 2009, to construct 1-RF-491 Relief Interceptor Project 805450 during 2010 and 2011. The project will include construction of approximately 20,000 feet of 36-inch and 42-inch diameter gravity interceptor sewer from meter M129 at Xerxes Avenue, along 75th Street to I-35W, cross I-35W at 76th Street, east along 76th Street, north along 11th Avenue, and northeast along Diagonal Boulevard to Cedar Avenue where it will terminate at a new junction box connection at interceptor 3-BN-497. Existing road surfaces, curbs, gutters and other surface improvements in the City right of way along the alignment will be completely removed and replaced with a new streetscape. The streetscape will narrow 76th Street and add bike lanes, sidewalks, boulevards, and a Three River Parks regional trail at various locations along the alignment. Overhead utilities will also be undergrounded in accordance with City ordinance.

The Cooperation Agreement stipulated anticipated land acquisition, design, and construction services each party would provide the other and estimated reimbursements for these services. During the design phase of the project, additional Council services to the City were identified. These services include having Xcel Energy replace the overhead power lines with underground power lines along the project alignment. This concept is integral to the new streetscape. The Xcel Energy cost will be included as an allowance item (\$1,200,000 approx.) in the MCES construction bid. The City will reimburse MCES approximately half of this cost. The justification for MCES’ participation is that the new streetscape has an overall street restoration cost savings to MCES of \$1,000,000. This relates to the large savings from avoiding replacement of the 44 ft. wide concrete pavement. The new streetscape has 22 ft. wide asphalt pavement.

In addition to undergrounding the electrical utility, the City has requested and will reimburse the Council for additional sanitary sewer, sidewalk/trail, and related utility work, at an estimated cost of \$200,000. The proposed amendment will also include a contingency allowance, bringing the total estimated City cost share to \$1,200,000.

Rationale

The changes to estimated reimbursement amounts require Council authorization.

Funding

Funding is provided in the 2009 MCES Capital Program, Project Number 805450, in the amount of \$25,000,000.

Known Support/Opposition

The City and majority of residents and businesses have been very supportive of the project to date because of the plan to provide streetscaping.